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1. WE HAVE REDRAFTED AND UPDATED THE TEXT OF ENTIRE STATEMENT
CONTAINED IN REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

2. ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC

THE NETHERLANDS WAS FIRST RECOGNIZED AS A SERIOUS PROBLEM
AREA FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL ONLY IN LATE 1972, ALTHOUGH CANNABIS
PRODUCTS AND AMPHETAMINES WERE OBTAINABLE ON THE BLACK MARKET
BY PERSONS VISITING AMSTERDAM AND SEVERAL OTHER DUTCH CITIES.
THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ILLICIT PROCESSING OF NARCOTICS IN THE
NETHERLANDS, BUT SINCE 1974 THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED
AS A MAJOR TRANS-SHIPMENT CENTER FOR HEROIN IN EUROPE.
AMSTERDAM AND ROTTERDAM ARE SIGNIFICANT ENTRY POINTS FOR NAR-
COTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS INTO EUROPE, BECAUSE OF THE LARGE
NUMBER OF SHIPS PASSING THROUGH THE TWO PORTS, AS WELL AS THE
NETHERLANDS' OPEN FRONTIERS, PARTICULARLY WITH BELGIUM AND
LUXEMBOURG. SCHIPHOL AIRPORT AT AMSTERDAM IS NOT
CURRENTLY IN WIDE USE AS AN ARRIVAL POINT DUE TO
INCREASED CUSTOMS CHECKS THERE. MOST COURIERS ARRIVE AT
OTHER EUROPEAN AIRPORTS AND THEN PROCEED BY LAND TO HOLLAND.
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3. OF EARLIER CONCERN TO THE U.S. MILITARY COMMAND IN GERMANY
WAS THE USE OF THE NETHERLANDS AS A TRANS-SHIPMENT POINT FOR
HEROIN, CANNABIS PRODUCTS AND AMPHETAMINES REACHING U.S. MILI-
TARY FORCES IN GERMANY. THIS HAS DIMINISHED, HOWEVER, AS AVAIL-
ABILITY INCREASED AND PRICES DECREASED IN GERMANY.

4. THE LARGE CHINESE POPULATION STILL CONTROLS THE MAJORITY OF THE HEROIN MARKET, HOWEVER, DUTCH, SURINAMESE, AND TURKISH CRIMINALS ARE PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE SUPPLIER ROLE.

5. DRUG CONTROL EFFORTS

COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN DUTCH, GERMAN AND U.S. AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN OF ASSISTANCE IN DEALING WITH DANGEROUS DRUGS TRANSITING THE NETHERLANDS AND DESTINED FOR U.S. FORCES IN GERMANY. WHILE THE DUTCH HAVE BEEN TOLERANT OF INDIVIDUAL USE OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS, THAT TOLERANCE DOES NOT APPLY TO TRAFFICKING IN HARD DRUGS. THE DUTCH PARLIAMENT IN 1976 PASSED LEGISLATION REDUCING THE PENALTY FOR POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF TRADITIONAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS BUT SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASING PENALTIES FOR TRAFFICKING IN HARD DRUGS. IN THE FALL OF 1976, THE DUTCH CREATED A SPECIAL COUNTRY-WIDE NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE UNIT AS PART OF THE RE-VAMPING OF ITS DRUG CONTROL MACHINERY. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON IMPROVED COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH LOCAL POLICE FORCES. IN ADDITION, POLICE ANTI-NARCOTICS PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN AUGMENTED, MANY ILLEGAL ALIENS ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS OFFENSES HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM AMSTERDAM AND TWO DUTCH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN BANGKOK.

6. THE NETHERLANDS IS A PARTY TO THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON DRUGS OF 1961, BUT HAS NOT RATIFIED EITHER THE 1972 PROTOCOL TO AMEND THE SINGLE CONVENTION OR THE 1971 CONVENTION ON PSYCHO-UNCLASSIFIED

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TROPIC SUBSTANCES. DUTCH AUTHORITIES HAVE SOMETIMES COOPERATED IN EXPULSION OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS WHEN REQUESTED, BUT THERE IS NO PROVISION IN THE U.S.-NETHERLANDS EXTRADITION TREATY COVERING NARCOTICS OFFENSES. SINCE 1972 THE NETHERLANDS HAS CONTRIBUTED \$209,440 TO THE U.N. FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL IN THE FORM OF A SUBSIDY FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO A MAGAZINE CALLED "DRUG DEPENDENCE," AND IN 1977 MADE AVAILABLE FROM DEVELOPMENT FUNDS A SUM OF 1,250,000 GUILDERS (ABOUT \$600,000) TO BE USED BY THE UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTING A PROJECT DEVELOPED BY UNFPA IN COOPERATION WITH BADA KHAN PROVINCE IN AFGHANISTAN.

7. U. S. PROGRAMS

THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1974, NOW NUMBERS THREE AGENTS AND AN INTELLIGENCE ANALYST. IN-COUNTRY TRAINING OF DUTCH ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WAS CONDUCTED IN 1975 BY BOTH DEA AND CUSTOMS AND IN 1976, 1977, AND 1978 BY DEA. SUCH TRAINING HAS BEEN WELCOMED AS PART OF AN OVERALL PROGRAM INVOLVING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT, LEGISLATION AND TREATMENT. DUNNIGAN

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